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SUCCESSORS TO GEO. R. TAYLOR.

## THE COUNTY BOARD

Of Commissioners Sitting as Board of Equalization, Meets.

## REDUCTIONS OF ASSESSMENTS

Were Made in Some Cases, Other Applications for Reduction Rejected, while in Others Consideration was Postponed. Sheep Claims will Not be Paid in Full, the Dog Tax Not being Equal to It. Other Business Transacted.

Yesterday morning the board of county commissioners held a meeting, sitting as a board of equalization and appeals, and considered many applications from taxpayers for reductions in assessments. The following reductions were made by the board:

George B. and Alfred Caldwell, trustees, \$4,800 with rebate.

United States Glass Company, \$3,000; no rebate. This is for the lessened valuation of the South Side plant of the company, a part of which was burned two years ago.

Dollar Savings Bank, \$52,000. The assessor erroneously made returns on county bonds for \$52,000, which are not subject to taxation.

Barney Cox, \$200.

A number of claims were held on the table for future consideration, and others were rejected.

Sheep claims were next considered. Claims were presented, as follows:

T. D. Wilson, \$17.50; Mrs. T. D. Wilson, \$7.50; George P. and D. Maxwell, \$18; Henry Helfenbein, \$21; S. H. Chambers, \$8.65; Charles Sonda, \$37.50; John W. McCulloch, \$75.20; W. B. North, \$35.20; M. Hartley, \$11.50; Mrs. R. J. McCulloch, \$13.50; John Sonda, \$17; John Muldoon, \$17; John Buchanan, \$27; M. F. McCulloch, \$30; M. F. McCulloch, \$22; E. M. Atkinson, \$36; John Muldoon, \$13.50; J. B. Atkinson, \$26; John McCoy, \$31; W. A. Rogers, \$20; W. B. North, \$14; J. E. Nichols, \$45; H. R. Kelly, \$24.75.

These claims are for sheep killed by dogs, and are paid out of the revenue accruing from the dog tax. As there is not enough revenue this year to pay the claims in full, which amount to over \$600, the board decided to pay the claims on the basis of one-third of the amount claimed.

The last meeting of the present board of county commissioners will be held on December 20 and 31, when the records will be closed. On the first Monday in January, the new board will meet and organize. Clerk T. C. Moffat, who has been an efficient and accommodating official, is assured of re-election.

## Krebs-Martin Wedding.

A pretty wedding took place on the South Side yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Krebs, of this city, and Miss Lydia Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin. The wedding took place at the bride's home, No. 4707 Jacob street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Higger, of the Third Presbyterian church. Among those present from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. Krebs, from Clarinton; Mr. C. Cochran, Martin's father, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wise, of Bellairs. Mr. and Mrs. Krebs left on an afternoon train for the Cleveland & Pittsburgh road for Cleveland, where they will visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

## Mr. Goetz Lost \$200.

For over a week the police have been engaged in a vain attempt to run down the thief or thieves who entered the drug store of Charles R. Goetz, at the corner of Twelfth and Market streets, and got away with three gold watches, a gold bracelet and other articles of value belonging to Mr. Goetz, valued at \$200. No clue of great promise has developed and it looks as though the thief will get away with his booty in safety.

## Foot Ball Game.

A foot ball game between the Wheeling and American teams, scheduled to be played this afternoon, has been postponed until next Wednesday, as several members of the Wheeling team are crippled, the result of recent games in which they participated.

## Man on Hatfield Hanged.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Dec. 16.—Advices from Speedville state that Marion Hatfield was hanged this morning for the murder of James Trail. Five thousand people were present. Hatfield confessed, implicating his wife and a woman named Harney Jordan.

## New Bank at McDonnell.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The comptroller of the currency has given authority for the organization of the People's National Bank, of McDonnell, Pa., with a capital of \$100,000.

RHEUMATISM is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

BOYS' Watches, strictly reliable ones, \$5.00 and upwards, at DILLON, WHEAT & HANCHER CO.

## TO-NIGHT'S CAUCUS

Of the Republican Members of Council Will Decide the Contest for the Fire Chief Nomination.

To-night in the chamber of the second branch of the city council, public building, a caucus of the Republican members of the council will be held for the purpose of naming a candidate for the position of chief of the fire department to succeed the present official, Frank Heady, whose term of office expires with the present council. There are seven announced candidates, but some of these do not claim to have many votes pledged to them. They are hoping that the "big fellows" will get into a deadlock, and that one of the lesser fry will come in as a dark horse and win out.

The caucus will be called to order at 8 o'clock and will be held closed doors, of course. There are 37 Republican councilmen, as if all of them are present, it will require nineteen votes to nominate. It is not likely, though, that all of them will attend the caucus. The call for to-night's caucus was signed by a majority of the Republican members, twenty-one or twenty-two, and it is thought many who did not sign the paper will be on hand, too.

The supporters of Messrs. Kline and Clator appear to have more confidence than the other candidates, but it is said neither can show a majority on the first ballot, unless there should be a large number of the supporters of either absent.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

Next Saturday are Attracting Interest. Councilman John Waterhouse a Majority Possibility.

As the time draws near for the Democratic primaries, there appear several citizens who are willing to be struck by the mayoralty lightning. At first it was thought that Chief of the Fire Department Heady would have everything his own way, and no one would oppose him, but later developments put another phase on the situation. The friends of ex-Postmaster Robert Simpson, have brought him to the front, and those of R. A. McCabe have begun booming him as the man best fitted for the position. All these were thrown in the shade last night, however, by the announcement from a very reliable source that one of the best known Democrats and business men in the city, is to be a candidate for the nomination, his name is none other than John Waterhouse, a member of the second branch of council.

The Intelligence's information comes from a reliable source and it can be expected that Mr. Waterhouse's name will be on the ticket at the primaries. This candidate for city clerk will be Louis Schwartzbach, that is certain for he is the only one mentioned. Henry Bruner also has an open field for the nomination for wharfmaster.

The nomination for chief of police is being contested by ex-Chief Robert T. McNichol, John Short and Bob Purcell. They will end in the position named above with Captain McNichol far in the lead; at least that is the probability.

There will not be much of a fight for places on the councilmanic ticket in the various wards, for the reason there is not a ward in town where any Democrat has a "chance" to win. It has been predicted within the party that 2,500 votes will be the number cast at the primaries.

## THE RIVER.

## YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Pittsburgh... BEN HUB, 4 p. m.  
Cincinnati... KANSAS, 4 p. m.  
Clarinton... JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.  
Sistersville... RUTH, 3:30 p. m.

## BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Parkersburg... ARGAND, 7 a. m.  
Pittsburgh... LORENA, 1 a. m.  
Pittsburgh... H. K. BEDFORD, 7 a. m.  
Cincinnati... JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.

## BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Pittsburgh... VIRGINIA, 5 a. m.  
Parkersburg... BEN HUB, 11 a. m.  
Clarinton... JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.  
Sistersville... RUTH, 3:30 p. m.  
Pittsburgh... ARGAND, 6 p. m.

## Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 8 feet 11 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and colder.

This morning's Cincinnati packet, is the high-headed Hudson, with Captain "Bob" Agnew on the roof. She has used offerings in sight on the upper river.

## River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 3 feet 1 inch and falling. Clear and cold.

WARREN—River 2 feet Clear and cold.

GREENSBORO—River 5 feet 2 inches and falling. Fair and cold. The Adam Jacobs is due up and down on Thursday.

MORGANTOWN—River 8 feet 4 inches. Light snow last night. Weather cold.

PITTSBURGH—River 6.9 feet and falling at the dam. Clear and cool.

STUBENVILLE — River 8 feet 4 inches and falling; weather clear and cold; passed up — Ben Hur, Princess; passed down — Hudson and Argand.

PARKERSBURG — The Ohio is 10 feet 6 inches and falling; weather cloudy and mercury 33. Passed up — The LeRoy, H. K. Bedford, Valley Belle. Passed down — Keystone State and Kanawha. The Little Kanawha is falling. Locals on time.

LORENSETTES in Solid Gold, \$25.00 to \$65.00 each.

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## OBSTRUCT IMPROVEMENT.

Citizens of Morgantown will Endeavor to Get Those Obstructing Against the Location of a Dam to Reconsider.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 16.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Morgantown was called to-day for Saturday to take some action with reference to the location of a dam by Major Hoxie, on the Monongahela river, a few miles north of Morgantown. This call was prompted by a report that on account of a protest by some of the citizens against placing the dam there, the contract for building the same would in all likelihood be delayed by the war department. The protest was signed by only a few of the citizens and was sent to Congressman Dayton, who filed it with Secretary Lamont.

Some citizens of Morgantown, who to-day returned from Washington, where they have been looking into the matter, say that as the department does not show a disposition to let out any more contracts than they are necessarily compelled to, that one looking to the extension of slack water to Fairmont will not be executed as long as there is the slightest pretext for delay. The people of the upper Monongahela valley are greatly disappointed at the turn affairs have taken, and at the meeting Saturday will try to have the signers of the protest withdraw their objections, which were made believing that the location of the dam at the point suggested by Major Hoxie would be injurious to the health of citizens. Major Hoxie will be present and hear both sides before making another report.

## Store Robbed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 16.—The Intelligence was received here this morning that the store of James Jackson, of Cochransville, a short distance below this city, had been looted last evening and that a large amount of goods had been carried off. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the deed, but it is believed to have been done by people living in the shanty boats nearby.

## Certificates Granted.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WESTON, W. Va., Dec. 16.—The county court, in special session to-day, gave certificates of election to the candidates that were elected as well as those that were counted in.

## YOUR "UNCLES" SWINDLED

Out of Hard Earned Savings by a Clever Scheme.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Pawn-brokers all over this country and Canada have been swindled by an elaborate scheme which was operated from this city as a centre. The men engaged in it over-worked the fraud when they found it succeeded easily, and two of them have been arrested here. Their names are John Palmer, and George Wilson. Palmer says he is a jeweler, Wilson is a printer from Philadelphia.

The deception was through the pretense that the watches they offered to pawn were all gold, while only the parts usually tested by pawnbrokers were of this metal. Works and cases bore counterfeited marks of standard manufacturers. Detectives declare that Palmer deposited his wares in Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Montreal. So far the police estimate that \$10,000 has been lost by Palmer's operations.

## Fatal Mine Disaster.

RED CLIFF, Colo., Dec. 16.—An accident by which six men are believed to have lost their lives occurred this afternoon in the tunnel of the Holy Cross mine near here. A blast caused a great fall of earth and it is believed the men are buried under it, though they may be simply imprisoned, in which case there is hope of their rescue.

## Cardinal Gibbons' Book.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—Cardinal Gibbons' new book, "The Ambassador of Christ," from the press of John Murphy & Company, is out to-day. The work is chiefly intended for priests, although it will be found interesting to all good Catholics. The book is handsomely bound and comprises over four hundred pages of reading.

## Mr. Cowen Re-elected.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—The directors of the Baltimore & Ohio railway met to-day and re-elected John K. Cowen president.

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December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st. Good to return to January 4th. Local and through tickets. Consult agents.

## TO PREFER VETERANS.

A Bill to Give Them Preference in Filling Offices.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, to-day introduced a bill in the senate to amend section 1754 of the revised statutes. That section as passed in 1865 provided that persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty shall be preferred for appointments to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices. Mr. Mitchell's amendment gives a preference to all honorably discharged persons from the military or naval without regard to the reason for such discharge provided they served ninety days or more in the war of the rebellion or in any Indian war. Mr. Mitchell supported his bill by a brief speech and on his motion it was referred to the committee on civil service and re-employment.

## A False Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Members of the house ways and means committee say that the report sent from Washington outlining an elaborate scheme for a duty on silver in the new tariff bill is merely a fiction. No such proposition has been considered in the preliminary discussions of the bill which the Republicans have had, although it has been generally understood from the beginning that there would be a duty on all ores of which silver is a by-product.

## Young Crisp Elected.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—A special election held to-day in the third congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles F. Crisp, resulted in the election of Charles R. Crisp, eldest son of the distinguished ex-speaker. Young Mr. Crisp in response to a telegram of the Atlanta Journal to-day, wired that paper:

"I am in favor of the recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States."

## Favorable to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—At the meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations to-day the committee took no vote on any proposition, but there was sufficiently general expression of opinion to lead the friends of a declaration favorable to Cuban independence to conclude that if a vote had been taken they would have won.

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## RETIRING FROM BUSINESS—GEO. R. TAYLOR.

Geo. R. Taylor.

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FROM  
BUSINESS.

Having decided to retire from active business, I beg my numerous friends and customers to accept my sincere thanks for the liberal patronage extended me during my long business career; and having disposed of my business to Messrs. Whittinghill Bros., of Louisville, Ky., who will be my successors, I bespeak for them the same confidence and patronage I have enjoyed.

I expect to be in the store for some time to come, and still to feel an interest in the welfare of the patrons of the new firm.

Geo. R. Taylor.

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